

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address July 7, 2017

Remembering Fallen Dallas Police Officers

Hello, this is your Congressman Michael Burgess.

Today many of us have been thinking of the Dallas Police officers who were lost in the line of duty one year ago.

July 7th will forevermore be marked by sadness for the loss our community suffered when five officers were gunned down in the deadliest attack for law enforcement officers in the United States since September 11, 2001.

As President George W. Bush said at the memorial service for the fallen last year, “The nation grieves, but those of us who love Dallas and call it home have had five deaths in the family.”

These officers were killed as they protected Dallas citizens practicing their right to protest. Throughout their service, each one of these officers put their own life on the line for others’ safety each day they reported to duty. July 7th of last year was no different.

Please join me in remembering these officers for their sacrifice, bravery, and courage in the line of duty to protect strangers.

As I reflect on the events of last year’s shooting, what stands out to me most is the heroism of those who answered when duty called, and a community that banded together during the tragic event. In the midst of an environment that can feel deeply divided, we all should seek to follow the example of the Dallas community.

I would like to offer former Dallas Police Chief David Brown my sincere gratitude for his leadership last year, as well as the entire Dallas Police Department and other first responders. The staff at Parkland Hospital, Baylor University Hospital, and other medical professionals provided excellent emergency care to victims of the attack, and I am grateful for their service to those affected by the incident.

Even as the law enforcement profession falls under scrutiny, we must recognize the sacrifices of the men and women and their critical role to protect our communities. Please join me in expressing gratitude to the men and women in uniform who stand guard over North Texas each day.

As always, I appreciate your comments and your questions on this issue or any other issue. May God bless you and your family and as the song says, God bless you Texas.